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Examiner: Joseph C. Rodriguez

### **Amendment C**

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Mr. Joseph C. Rodriguez:

In response to the Office Letter mailed August 25, 2004, please amend the above application as follows:

### **Remarks**

1. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the constructive suggestions to the claims in the application. The Examiner will observe that the Applicant has amended all the claims to reflect the Examiner's suggestions regarding anticipation of prior art and indefinite claim language. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner continue with such constructive suggestions throughout the examination process of this application.

2. All references supplied by Examiner have been reviewed and considered.

A. The Examiner cites the Yang patent reference as teaching a material being subjected to multiple organic chemical reactions and multiple mechanical separating steps as claimed in the present application. Further, these reactions are similar to the reactions taught by Horowitz that the "Applicant has previously admitted to read on the claimed subject matter (see Applicant's Remarks dated 12/22/03, p.2), thus the reactions taught by Yang are regarded as altering the molecular structure of said substance as claimed in the present application." The Applicant would like to point out to the Examiner exactly what the Applicant said and did with regard to Horowitz. The Applicant is sending the actual pages (pages 1-3) from the Applicant's response dated 12/22/04 that are relevant to Horowitz. The second page was the page cited by the Examiner in the detailed action mailed on 08/25/04.